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Reason For allowance

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Euwbank on 7/30/01.

The application has been amended as follows:

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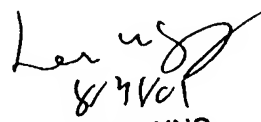
The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not render the claims obvious for a method of retrieving a lost item, said lost item having a hologram selectively responsive to a laser beam having a fog-penetrating wave length selected from the group consisting of 880nm, 1310nm and 1550nm, directing from a monitoring device controlled by the searcher and initially remote from said lost item a laser beam having the explicit wavelength corresponding to said hologram said laser beam being directed into a search zone in which the temporally lost item is believed to be; amplifying the signal indicative of the intensity of the feedback light from such zone; using the amplified signal from such monitoring device for evaluating the whereabouts of the temporally lost item while approaching the targeted

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zone of the hologramized item, whereby the temporally lost item becomes visible to the searcher.:

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean Smith whose telephone number is (703) 305-0831.


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